

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to them and undersigned counsel during a teleconference with Examiner Garland on December 8, 2009.

During the aforementioned teleconference agreement to allow the application was made if Amendments to the application, as suggested by Examiner Garland were made. The changes were of minor typographical nature in claims 1, 35, 37, 39, 129 and 130.

By the foregoing Amendment, applicants have adopted the changes suggest by Examiner Garland at the aforementioned teleconference. These changes include conforming independent claim 1 to the amendments of the original claim as well as changing the last word of the claim from “purchased” to “dispensed”. In part c of the claim the term “storage and dispensing unit” has been changed to read “storage unit and dispensing mechanism”.

In claim 35 line 1, the term “the other” has been changed to read “an other”.

In claim 37 line 4, a comma has been inserted after “medium”.

In claim 39 line 2, the term “a computer” has been changed to read “the computer”.

In claim 129 line 1, the term “the” has been changed to read “at least one”.

And in claim 135 last line, the word “the” (second occurrence) has been deleted.


Claims 1-12, 31-41, 60-96, 98-99, 101-111, 113-127, 129, 132, 135, and 141-142 remain pending.

It is not believed that any additional fees are due, but any fees due may be charged to the undersigned’s deposit account number 14-1437, under Order No. 8685.002.US0001.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8685.002.US0001.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas P. Pavelko', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

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